

DELIBERATION NO 239 OF THE CONSELHO SUPERIOR DE ESTATÍSTICA (STATISTICAL COUNCIL)

APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO ISO ALPHA 2 BY WRITTEN PROCEDURE

Having regard to the competences of the *Secção Permanente de Planeamento, Coordenação e Difusão* (Standing Section of Planning, Coordination and Dissemination) to «*examine and approve the concepts, definitions, nomenclatures and other technical tools for statistical coordination with a view to managing the Sistema Estatístico Nacional (National Statistical System), as well as to approve changes to be regularly introduced in those documents, resulting from monitoring works carried out at Community and national level*»;

Whereas the Nomenclature of Countries - ISO Alpha 2 was approved for utilisation within the scope of the National Statistical System by Deliberation No 198 of the Conselho Superior de Estatística (Statistical Council) (hereinafter referred to as the Council), which was subsequently published in the Official journal (No 280/2000 of 5 December, Series 2);

Whereas, at the international level, responsibility for introducing changes in above Nomenclature falls on the International Standard Organization (ISO), and whereas such changes shall be subsequently reflected in updates in the context of the National Statistical System;

Whereas the approval of these changes by the Council is essentially a transposition of the adjustments made by the ISO within the scope of its powers;

Whereas, in turn, the above updates, after being approved for statistical purposes, shall be announced to major statistics producers and users;

Whereas Article 16 (1) (B) of the Rules of Procedure of the Council lays down that some deliberations of the Council may be taken by written procedure;

The Standing Section of Planning, Coordination and Dissemination, pursuant to the powers conferred on it in Deliberation No 140 of the Council, Annex D, paragraph 2 e), **decided** at its meeting of 29 October 2002, **that**:

1. Deliberations related to the update of the Nomenclature of Countries – ISO Alpha 2 that are the result of changes introduced in ISO Alpha 2 by the International Standard Organization, shall be taken by written procedure, pursuant to Article 16 (1) (B) of the Rules of Procedure of the Council.
2. These Deliberations shall be made known to statistics producers and users via the Official journal, pursuant to the Rules of Procedure.

Lisbon, 13 November 2002

The Chairman of the Section, *Orlando Caliço*

The Executive Secretary of the Statistical Council, *Maria Margarida Lobo da Conceição Madaleno*